

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer based method for retrieving information for use in a financing ~~transaction~~ a purchase or lease of equipment,

~~comprising the steps of:~~

~~performing a financing transaction, the financing transaction including:~~

sending, by a requestor application, an information request to a master pivot program, the information request including document information related to a requested financing document that is part of a contract ~~group of requested financing documents;~~

retrieving the document information from the information request;

retrieving document retrieval information from a configuration database as a function of the document information, the document retrieval information including a destination system;

sending the document retrieval information and the information request to a destination pivot program coupled to the destination system;

retrieving the requested financing document from the destination system by the destination pivot program; ~~and~~

sending the requested financing document to the requestor application, ~~wherein the requested financing document is used in the financing transaction; and~~

using the requested financing document to finance the purchase or lease of equipment.

2. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the information request is an extensible markup language document.

3. (Currently Amended) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ sending the information request to the master pivot program includes ~~the step of~~ calling an application program interface (API).

4. (Currently Amended) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 3, further including ~~the step of~~ creating, by the API, a structure of routing information.

5. (Currently Amended) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 4, wherein ~~the step of~~ sending the information request to the master pivot program includes ~~the step of~~ sending the information request to the master pivot program through a socket.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, including ~~the step~~ receiving the document retrieval information and the information request by a master control interface (MCI) coupled to the destination pivot program, the master control interface being adapted to process the information request.

7. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 6, wherein the MCI includes a wrapper computer program application adapted to pass the information request from the MCI to the destination system.

8. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the configuration database is a relational database.

9. (Original) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the configuration database includes routing rules for a plurality of requestor applications and destination applications.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, ~~including the step of providing a configuration tool for maintaining the configuration database~~ including selecting the financing document for retrieval based on values of specific data elements in the contract.

11-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A computer based system for retrieving financing information for use in a financing transaction a purchase or lease of equipment, comprising:

a requestor application for generating an information request, the information request including document information related to a first requested financing document that is part of a contract ~~group of requested financing documents~~;

a configuration database containing document retrieval information; and

a master pivot program, coupled to the requestor application and the configuration database, for receiving the information request, retrieving the document information from the information request, retrieving document retrieval information for the first requested financing document from the configuration database as a function of the document information, and for retrieving the first requested financing document from a destination system using the document retrieval information, ~~wherein~~ and providing the first requested financial document ~~is used in the~~ for use in financing ~~transaction the~~ purchase or lease of equipment.

26. (Previously Presented) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the master pivot program is adapted to deliver the first requested financing document to the requestor application.

27. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the document retrieval information includes a destination and a master control interface command.

28. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 27, including a master control interface adapted to execute the master control interface command.

29. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the information request is in extensible markup language format.

30. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, including an application program interface (API), wherein the requestor application is adapted to call the API to send the information request to the master control interface.

31. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 30, including a structure of routine information created by the API.

32. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 31, including a socket coupled between the master pivot program and the requestor application.

33. (Previously Presented) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, including a master control interface (MCI) coupled to the destination pivot program, the MCI being adapted to receive the document retrieval information and the information request and to process the information request.

34. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 33, wherein the MCI includes a wrapper computer program application adapted to pass the information request from the destination pivot program to the MCI.

35. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the configuration database is a relational database.

36. (Original) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the configuration database includes routing rules for a plurality of requestor applications and destination applications.

37. (Currently Amended) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, including selection rules for selecting the financing document for retrieval based on values of specific data elements in the contract ~~including a configuration tool for maintaining the configuration database.~~

38-51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for retrieving information for use in a financing transaction a purchase or lease of equipment, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code means for sending, by the requestor application, an information request to a master pivot program, the information request

including document information related to a requested financing document that is part of a ~~group of requested financing documents~~ contract;

computer readable program code means for retrieving the document information from the information request;

computer readable program code means for retrieving document retrieval information from a configuration database as a function of the document information;

computer readable program code means for retrieving the requested financing document from a destination using the document retrieval information; ~~and~~

computer readable program code means for sending the requested financing document to the requestor application, ~~wherein the requested financing document is used in the financing transaction; and~~

computer readable program code means for providing the requested financing document for use in financing the purchase or lease of equipment.

53. (Currently Amended) A computer based method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the financing document is one of a primary contract document and a document supporting a contract, ~~a lease document, a purchase document, a sales document, and a payment document.~~

54. (Currently Amended) A computer based system, as set forth in claim 25, wherein the information request includes additional document information related to a second requested financing document that is part of the contract ~~group of requested financing documents~~, and the master pivot program is further configured to

receive the information request, retrieve the additional document information from the information request, retrieve additional document retrieval information for the second requested financing document from the configuration database as a function of the additional document information, ~~and~~ retrieve the second requested financing document from a destination system using the additional document retrieval information, and provide the second requested financing document for use in financing the purchase or lease of equipment.

55. (New) A computer based method for retrieving a financing document associated with a purchase or lease of equipment, comprising:

- storing a plurality of financing form documents;
- storing, for each financing form document, selection rules which determine the conditions under which the document is to be included in a documentation package associated with the purchase or lease of equipment;
- receiving transaction information including equipment a customer wishes to lease or purchase and payment information associated with the lease or purchase;
- based on the transaction information and the selection rules, automatically selecting one or more of the financing form documents to be retrieved and used in financing the purchase or lease of equipment; and
- providing the requested financing document for use in financing the purchase or lease of equipment.